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## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1954

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1954 -

Males - 328,735

Females - 308,694

Persons - 637,429

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1953 -

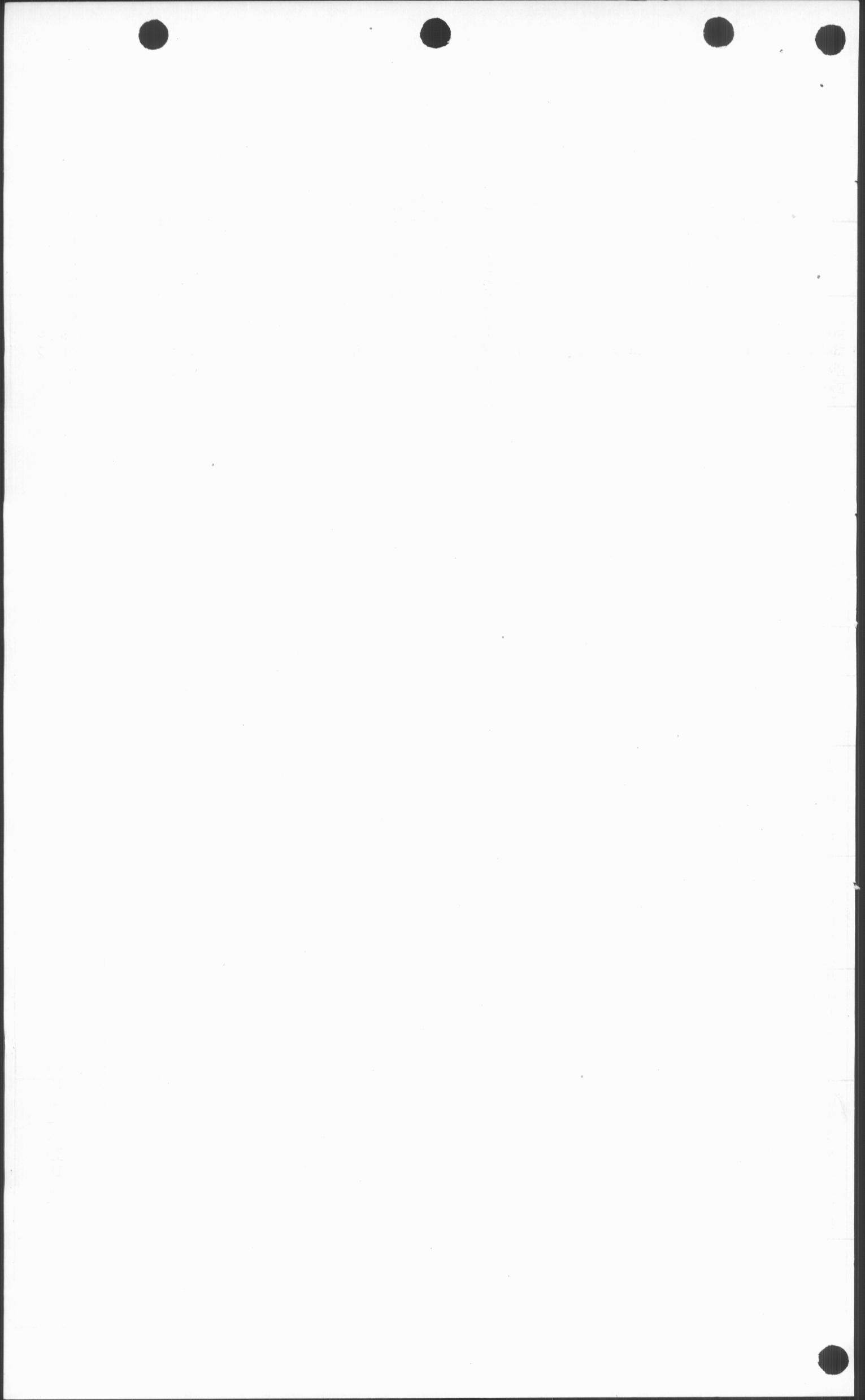
Persons - 358,000

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JUNE		6 Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Marriages - Number	384	375	2,757	2,602
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.29	7.34	8.73	8.49
Births - Number	1,288	1,386	7,738	7,981
*Rate per 1000 of Population	24.47	27.14	24.50	26.03
Deaths - Number	475	462	2,449	2,346
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.02	9.05	7.75	7.65
Infant Number	30	35	152	197
Mortality *Rate per 1000 Live Births	23.29	25.25	19.64	24.68
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	9	6	24	28
Malignant neoplasms	65	59	380	367
Diabetes mellitus	2	3	18	14
Diseases of blood etc.	1	2	13	7
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	44	65	267	251
Diseases of the heart	178	145	763	701
Hypertension with heart disease	18	15	69	67
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	7	9	40	42
Arteriosclerosis	14	15	73	77
Influenza	-	-	2	4
Pneumonia	20	14	80	78
Bronchitis	3	4	13	19
Other respiratory disease	6	7	27	19
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	1	27	19
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	1	16	14
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	1	5	4
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	3	9	9
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	9	33	35
Diseases of the prostate	6	2	23	18
Maternal causes	-	-	5	4
Diseases of early infancy	24	18	101	117
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15	21	80	101
Other accidents	17	13	110	104
Suicide	1	3	29	23
All other causes	33	46	242	224
Total.	475	462	2,449	2,346

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.



### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July, 1954 totalled 648,980 acres, a decrease of 11,988 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 4,385,855 acres, an increase of 2,453,288.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of JULY		Twelve Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Revenue	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue per Head of Population	3,273,263	3,131,372	43,145,840	38,884,236
Expenditure	£5. 1.11	£5. 0. 6	£68. 4. 6	£63. 9. 2
Expenditure per Head of Population	3,574,620	3,545,832	43,248,519	39,392,119
	£5. 11. 3	£5. 13. 10	£68. 7. 9	£64. 5. 9

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st July, 1954 amounted to £52,674,389 or £81. 18. 5d. per head of population as against £49,976,142 or £80. 2. Od. per head as at the 31st July last year.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 28th July, 1954 amounted to £13,659,299 compared with £11,726,905 for the corresponding period last year.

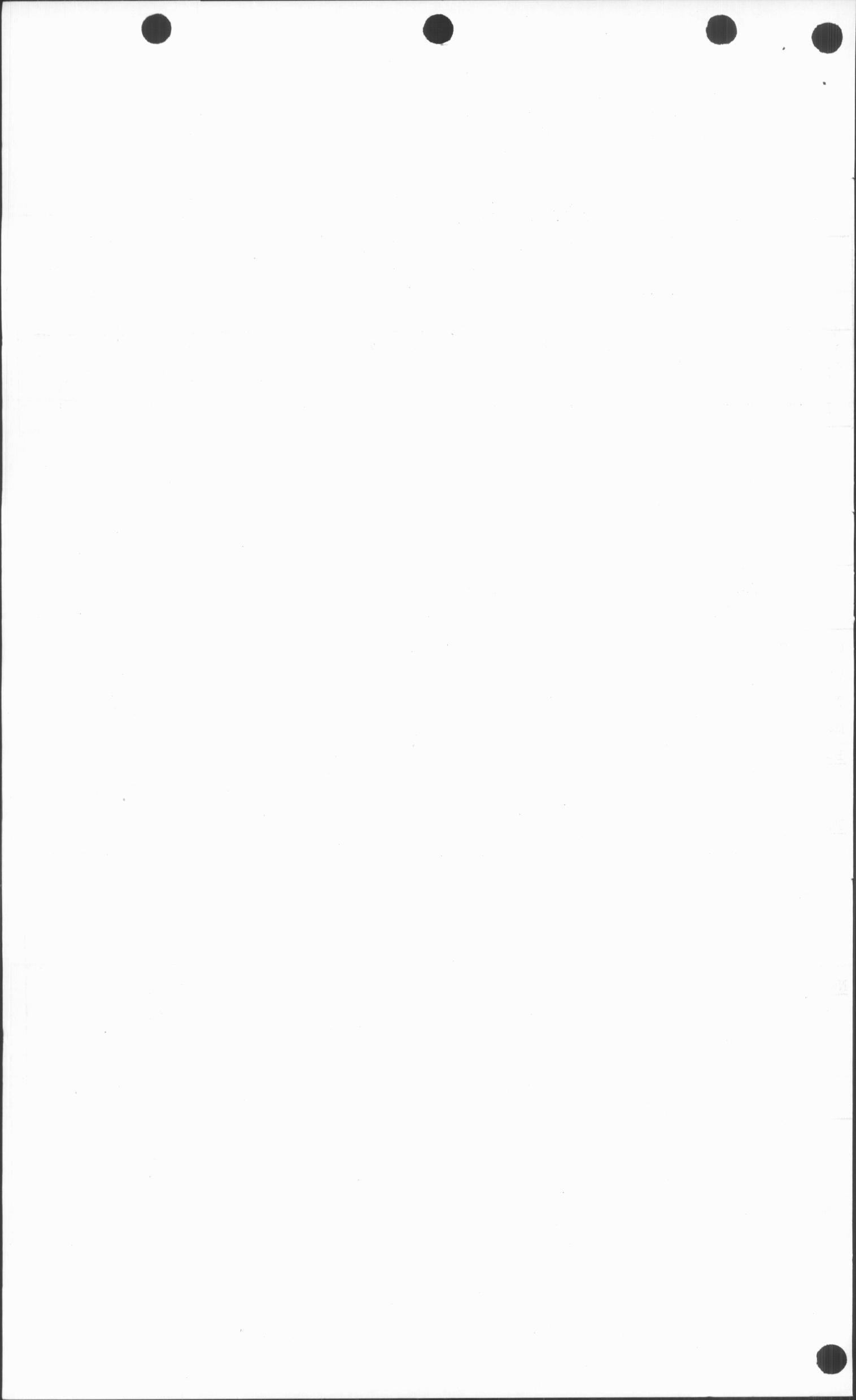
### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	JULY		12 Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Transfers	No. 2,385	£. 3,552,310	2,150	24,908
Mortgages	No. 1,847	£. 3,142,638	2,676,521	36,959,751
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 1,195	£.	1,852	20,328
			3,005,698	33,034,372
			1,311	13,055

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX

#### COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
Twelve months ended JUNE, 1954	£. 41,867,720	£. 25,494,818	£. 98,932,241	£. 5,870,147
Twelve months ended JUNE, 1953	£. 35,631,720	£. 25,282,620	£. 84,922,076	£. 5,401,064
Month of JULY, 1954	£. 3,353,410	£. 2,099,136	£. 8,223,509	£. 469,335
Month of JULY, 1953	£. 2,979,099	£. 2,393,694	£. 8,159,519	£. 428,661



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COMPANIES REGISTERED

22 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,865,500 and 7 Foreign Companies were registered during July, 1954. Registrations for the corresponding month last year comprised 21 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,640,000 and 6 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	J U L Y -					
	1954			1953		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	5	£. 4,729	£. 374	4	£. 31,952	£. 18,440
Deeds of Assignment (a)	2	8,722	16,064	3	5,551	8,915
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	JUNE		12 Months Ended JUNE -	
	1954	1953	1954	1953 /
Gross Earnings (a) £.	988,072	728,160	11,374,307	7,972,260
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,178,630	1,038,567	13,756,109	12,087,333
Train Miles Run No.	604,675	551,172	7,204,004	5,255,184
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 290,940	(b) 333,284	(c) 1,962,937	(c) 2,125,564
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	682,674	571,275	8,678,083	6,339,430
Motor Bus No.	29,045	48,553	521,228	636,171
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	271,521	232,402	3,082,735	2,486,905
Livestock	8,392	10,476	123,223	131,901
Departmental (Free Freight)	64,772	54,115	808,981	644,187
<u>Total.</u>	344,685	296,993	4,014,939	3,262,993
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	45,620,912	36,766,995	521,971,113	392,848,721
Livestock	1,040,195	1,407,160	15,827,769	16,742,015
Departmental (Free Freight)	9,153,304	7,614,641	110,065,973	86,294,404
<u>Total.</u>	55,814,411	45,788,796	647,864,855	495,885,140

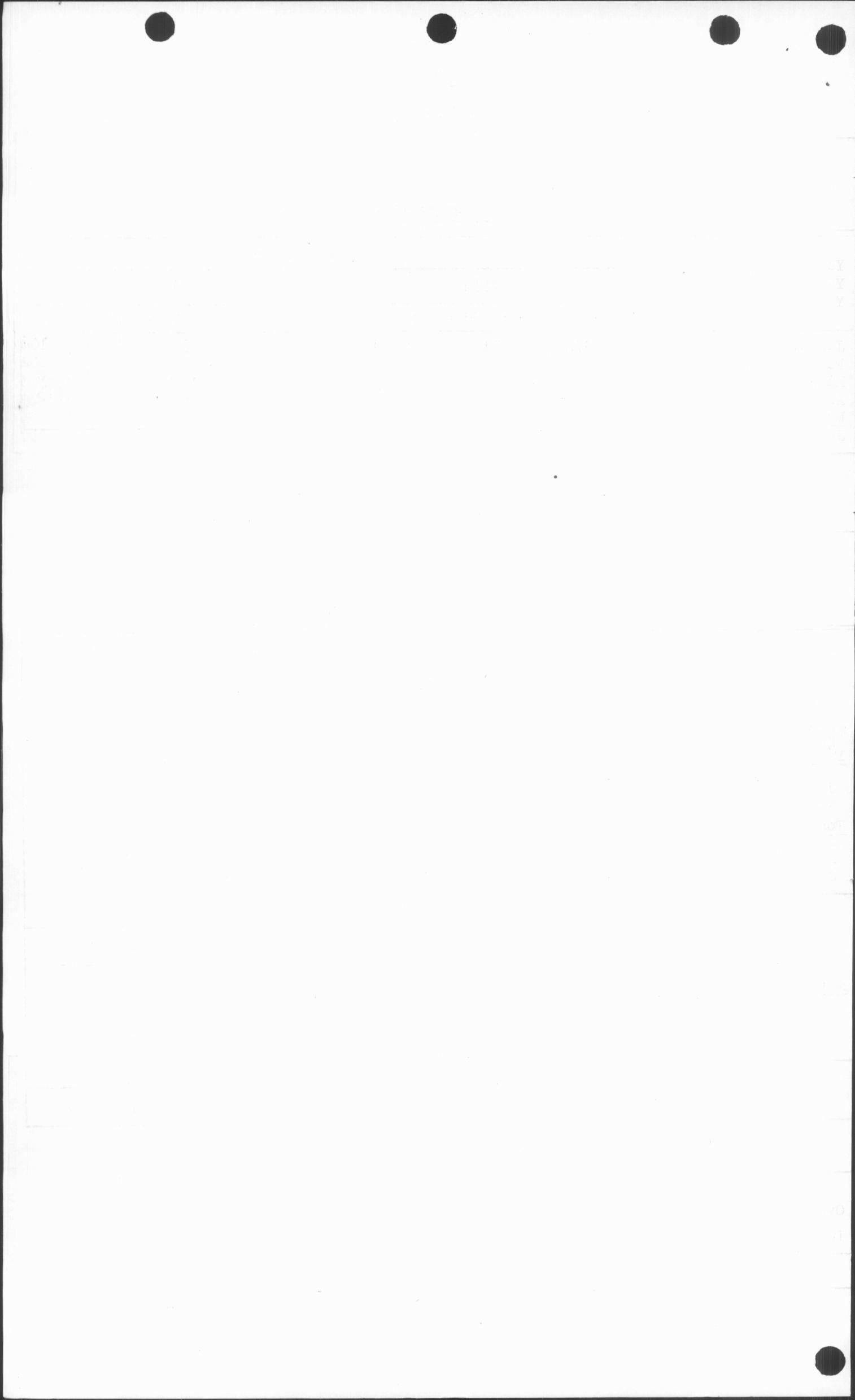
(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Eight weeks ended 30th June.

(c) Period ended 30th June.

\* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect Metal Trade Strike.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1951	No. 4,263	No. 2,088	No. 51	No. 1,886	No. 7,914	No. 5,730	No. 101	No. 3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
<u>1954 -</u>								
January	384	126	11	68	669	337	13	108
February	409	191	5	66	724	461	8	102
March	405	176	3	70	724	476	4	113
April	516	166	7	77	907	453	9	129
May	538	190	-	47	951	500	4	91
June	594	227	-	42	1,086	528	4	89

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS),

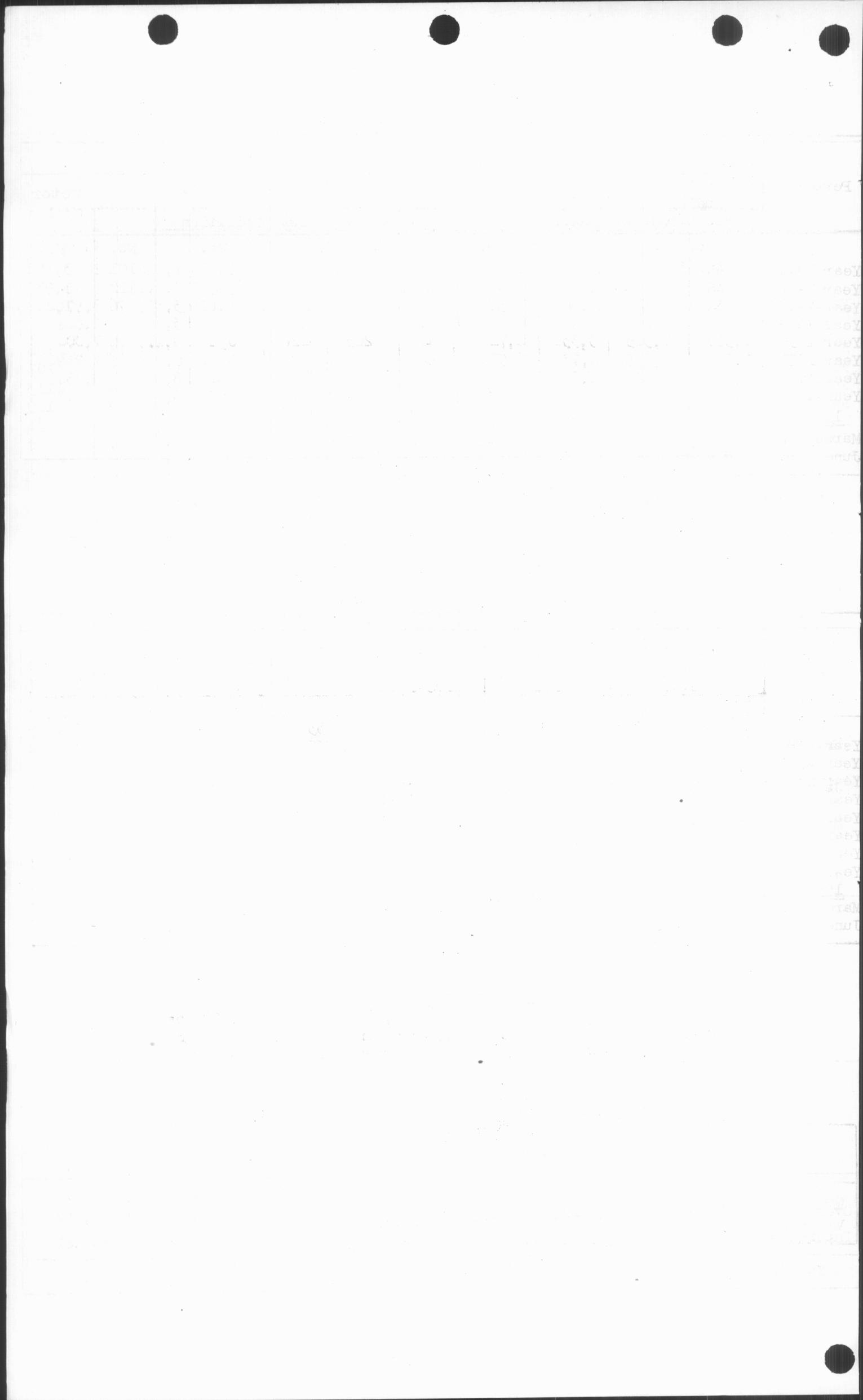
Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1952 -</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
<u>1953 -</u>								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
<u>1954 -</u>								
January	44,889	19,556	577	9,798	73,329	54,141	1,022	14,345
February	45,135	19,687	583	9,787	74,505	55,735	1,086	14,727
March	45,339	19,726	585	9,757	75,443	56,628	1,093	14,963
April	45,790	19,862	591	9,767	76,142	56,760	1,099	14,892
May	46,097	19,929	591	9,685	77,335	57,764	1,106	15,041
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for June, 1954:-  
95 Cars; 786 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Trade of Western Australia, June 1954 and 1953, and twelve months ended June 1954 and 1953, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JUNE		12 Months Ended JUNE		JUNE		12 Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	4,087	2,249	42,528	29,874	3,375	5,245	71,646	87,852
Total.	12,512	8,958	125,223	98,481	5,299	8,872	91,650	113,133



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
<u>1954 -</u>										
March Qr.	715	1,827	944	2,491	22	313	163	990	1,844	5,621
June Qr.	828	2,224	1,195	3,123	22	192	187	1,043	2,232	6,582

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residential excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
<u>1954 -</u>										
March Qr.	568	1,895	82	215	970	2,115	1	1	1,621	4,226
June Qr.	731	2,463	44	107	1,199	2,631	1	1	1,975	5,202

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

1,475,759 lbs. were produced during July, 1954 and 14,027,599 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1954, as against 1,178,230 lbs. and 14,411,212 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1953.

GOLD PRODUCTION

	JULY		7 Months Ended JULY	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Quantity .....	Fine Ozs.	70,166	70,975	501,089
Value (Aust. Currency) *	£.	1,096,337	1,099,517	7,789,606

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the seven months ended July, 1954 amounted to £708,571. Dividends for the corresponding period of 1953 were £606,805.



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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Metropolitan Area	2832	2594	2727	2493	2475	2290	2366	2245
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2899	2725	2822	2677	2418	2358	2392	2334
Northam	2807	2610	2724	2550	2395	2310	2357	2270
Bunbury	2849	2603	2757	2538	2403	2298	2365	2268
Geraldton	2852	2678	2793	2607	2550	2415	2476	2380
Collie	2878	2623	2791	2561	2292	2198	2258	2162

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

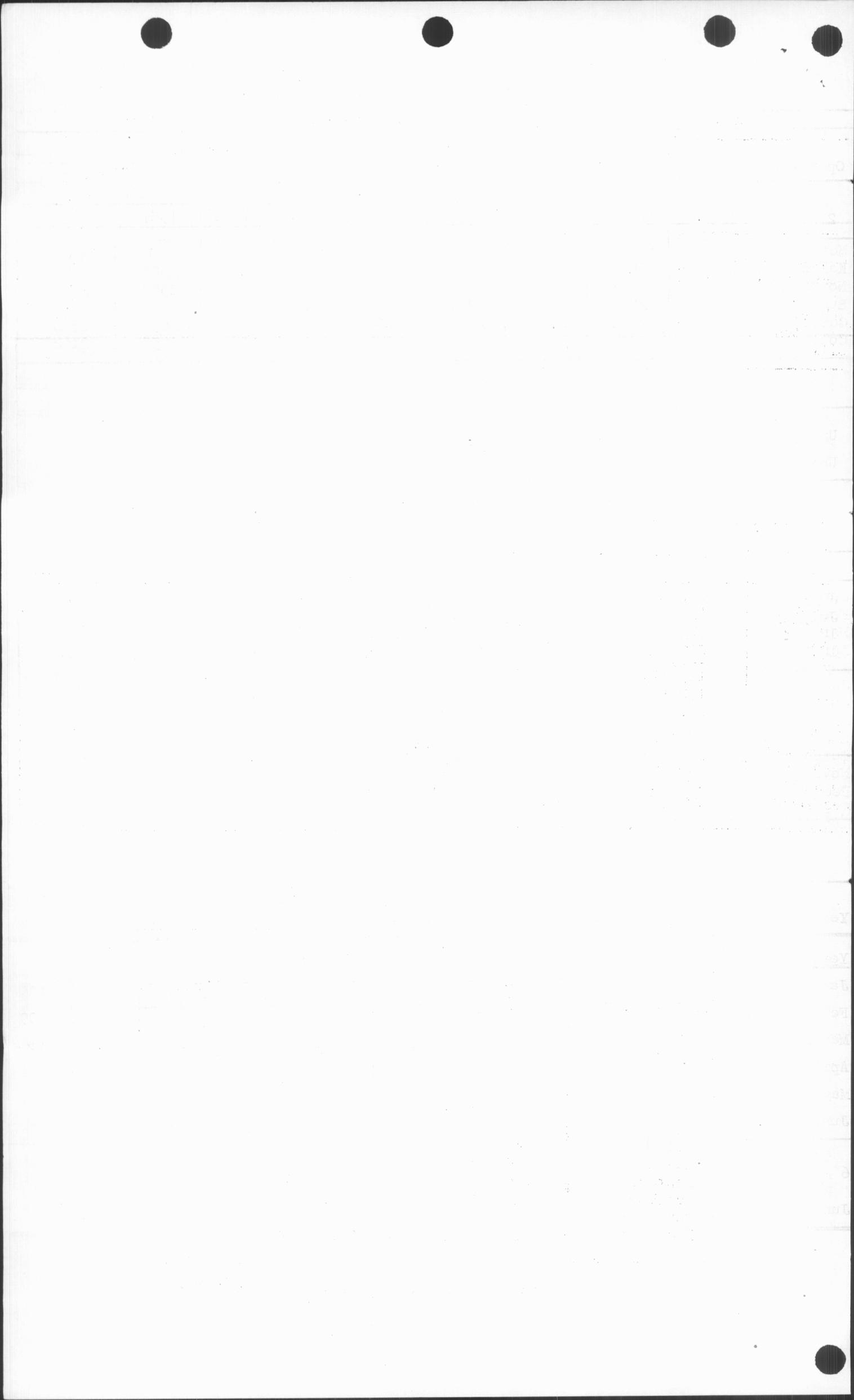
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)  
Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1953			1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,573	39,805	167,378	133,021	41,620	174,641
February	128,682	40,835	169,517	133,165	42,375	175,540
March	129,232	41,012	170,244	133,924	42,595	176,519
April	129,666	41,211	170,877	133,517	42,811	176,328
May	129,673	41,189	170,862	134,347	42,768	177,115
June	130,185	41,029	171,214	134,969	42,685	177,754
July	130,540	41,132	171,672			
August	130,351	41,296	171,647			
September	130,899	41,443	172,342			
October	131,392	41,824	173,216			
November	131,948	42,192	174,140			
December	132,572	42,634	175,206			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	194	208	214	213	223
February	197	212	216	217	223
March	200	215	216	220	225
April	200	215	215	221	224
May	203	216	214	222	224
June	202	215	211	220	226
July	204	218	211	220	
August	204	217	212	220	
September	204	216	211	220	
October	206	217	212	221	
November	207	217	213	222	
December	207	215	213	223	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953 are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
27/7/53	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JULY		Twelve months Ended JUNE	
	1954		1954	1953
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	38,836	34,659	400,776	350,188
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	34,657	30,982	358,723	310,605

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
July, 1954	17,976	449	60,525	10,328
July, 1953	18,447	584	60,611	7,228
12 Months ended June, 1954	117,623	5,395	1,035,746	104,439
12 Months ended June, 1953	102,216	6,113	1,340,677	111,485

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less.)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try
Year 1953	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1954	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
January	312	139	168	62	480	201	5	6	231	100
February	303	120	175	63	478	183	10	8	222	99
March	333	106	206	97	539	203	4	9	263	132
April (a)	386	157	226	79	612	236	6	6	265	117
May (a)	461	156	216	68	677	224	11	5	272	94
June	433	140	220	65	653	205	13	3	265	91
Total 6 Months Ended June, 1954	2,228	818	1,211	434	3,439	1,252	49	37	1,518	633

(a) Revised.

